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Editorial

THANKSGIVING FOR THE BIBLE Rev. F. O. Stewart.

There is nothing in this world for which we should be more thankful than for the Bible. God has spoken to man in many ways through many words. "At sundry times and in divers manners." Heb. 1:1. What He has given us composes a library of sixty-six volumes. Though they were written by about thirty-six different men and in a period of time covering about sixteen hundred years, God Himself is the Author of every volume. "Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." This set of Books bound in one cover we call the Bible. It contains a mine of inexhaustible and unfathomable wealth. Its laws and regulations for the governing of a nation in the first five books far surpass anything the world has ever formulated. Its history in the next twelve books gives not only an account of the people of Israel from about fifteen or sixteen hundred years before Christ, but the Gentile nations get many facts from the book they so much despise that they can no where else obtain; even what is brought forth from old ruins, and what men term discoveries, only substantiates the facts of the Bible. Unbelievers and scoffers read the five books of poetry — Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Songs of Solomon—for the sublime thoughts and the beautiful language they contain. And who can say that the books of prophecy are not divinely written? What man or set of men ever could write history before it was fulfilled? But God has given scores of plain facts that are yet to come to pass, while others that were predicted have already been fulfilled. Between seven and eight hundred years before Jesus was born Isaiah foretold His coming (Is. 7:14; 9:6; 52:13-15; 53:1-12; 61:1) in the manner in which He came. Others prophesied in like manner as (Mic. 5:2) will show, even stating the place He should be born. Yes, without the New Testament there is sufficient Gospel in the old, in figures and types, that a man may believe and be saved. The first book of the Bible is quoted a great number of times in the New, in various portions thereof.

Then think of the message the New Testament contains. The Revelation of God's love in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Though in His wisdom He has withheld the biography of the life of Jesus, He has given us snatches here and there that we may

know Him, and have eternal life. The letters of Paul and Peter and James that have been preserved for nearly two thousand years have saved many souls from shipwreck and guided a great number into the harbor above. It will stand though heaven and earth pass away. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path," exclaimed the psalmist. Let us then, in this season, lift up our hearts in gratefulness and thanksgiving for the precious "Holy Bible".

Letters to the Editor

Dresden, Ont., Oct. 7, 1925.

Editor Dawn of Tomorrow:

Please allow space in your valuable paper for me to let the general public know the reason, or my reasons, for giving up my charge with the people of the Union Baptist Church, 11th con. Chatham Township. I find them to be altogether indifferent to what they profess to be when they were after me to come here and pastor them. They told me of the condition of the church and asked me to start with them at \$40.00 per month and just as I worked the church up they would increase my salary until it was sufficient for a decent living. I agreed with them and began my work, and all of them have conceded that I worked the church up stronger than it has been, both spiritually and financially, yet there has not been one cent raise given me, and I find it an insult to them to ask them for any help whatever. I have a family of five, that is, there are 5 of us in the family, and out of \$40.00 per month they expect me to buy food, clothing, wood, coal, pay doctor and medical bills and all the necessities of life for my whole family. They have given me one-half ton of coal since I have been here and not one penny toward a suit or a pair of shoes.

I was advanced \$100.00 to move and get straightened out with. They were going to pay that back before the time came to pay it. They said to me, "Let us put on a rally and raise money to pay off that little debt." I said, "All right." So I put on the rally and raised more money than they had ever raised before. Then there came a meeting to decide what they would do about the money. Remember, the rally was to pay off that \$100.00 debt, but in their business meeting, if any intelligent person had come by and stopped in that little church that night and heard those illiterate people throwing out insults about that \$135 and some few cents they would have been made to think that some one was trying to hold them up for it. I told them to put it in their treasury.

Then I put on my installation. In this meeting we were honored with the presence of Mr. J. F. Jenkins on the 14th, and he can tell the public whether I had a full house or not. We raised \$88.86 in this installation. I had solicited \$9 from the public, and in some unknown way to me \$5 were lost from my pocket. I had then to deduct \$5 from that great big \$10 that they were paying me per week to replace the \$5 that was lost from my pocket. That only left me to draw \$5. I asked the deacon to see the brethren and get them to let me have \$10 of the amount that was raised and I would put on something and raise it and return it to them. I needed the money as my wife was sick, also one of my little boys. I had the doctor

to see them, and only had \$5 to pay grocery bills and the doctor, so you see what shape I was in. They held another meeting and would not let me have the \$10, but rather some of them hurled some very abusive insults at me for asking for that amount. Others said that I was a crook because I asked the deacons to see the brethren and get them to let me have \$10 for a while out of my installation funds. This meeting took place in a private home. Next they promised to give me a conveyance in getting around, that is, they were going to give me a horse to drive. If I were a cartoonist I would gladly give you a sketch of the horse that they gave me, and then they came and took him away from us. They rented two acres of land for me to make a little corn on. There were three apple trees on this land, and one of the deacon's wives sent up and stripped one of the trees without asking any questions about them. The house they gave us is the worst-looking shanty in the community, both in and outside.

I find them to be a set of nickel-starters and penny-finishers, a few grafters and tightwads, with no respect for the ministry and but precious little for God. I can give to the public a complete statement of every cent they have given me in any way in three moments' time.

REV. W. L. THRASHER, B.D.

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Mr. W. Myers has charge of the services at the Hill Street Baptist Church. His discourses are most interesting and instructive.

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The young people of the B. M. E. Church have formed a society known as the Sunday School Social Set, with the following officers: Mr. Allen Anderson, President; Miss M. Hooper, Vice-President; Mr. J. Brooks, Secretary; Miss G. Woodcock, Asst. Secretary; Miss F. Lightburn, Treasurer; Miss A. Drake, Pianist.

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Miss Rose Wilson, of Guelph, is a visitor in our city. Other recent visitors were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smith and Mrs. McClure, of Woodstock, all of whom motored to the city last Sunday; Miss Gertrude Henderson and Miss Mabel Harrison, of Stratford; Mrs. Sarah Smith and daughter, guests of their sister and aunt, Mrs. Minnie Harris; Mrs. Sarah Smith and her daughter, Ruth, of Cayuga, guests of their auntie, Mrs. Eliza Groat; Mrs. Myrtle Fields and her young son, Billy, visiting their father and grandfather, Mr. John Anderson.

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Mrs. (Rev.) Woodcock, Mr. John Anderson, Mr. James Harris and Mrs. Maggie Coursey constitute our sick list. They are improving favorably.

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On last Monday a mass meeting was held in the basement of the B. M. E. Church for the purpose of considering the offer from the university to conduct a class for our benefit. The meeting resulted in the formation of a class with several names enrolled.

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Both the B. M. E. and the Baptist Church are preparing to serve an elaborate turkey dinner to the public on Thanksgiving Day.

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